

Commissioners in Action

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LAKE COUNTY - Lake County Commissioners Bob Aufuldish, Dan Troy and Ray Sines meet at 10 a.m. most Thursdays, with some meetings at 2 p.m. on Tuesdays, in the Commissioners' Chambers on the fourth floor of the Lake County Administration Building, 105 Main St., Painesville.

All meetings are open to the public. Requests to address the government board may be made at any board meeting or presented to the Commissioners' Office by calling Amy Elaszcz at (440) 350-2753.

There was a meeting July 28. The next meeting will be Thursday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m.

At the July 21 meeting, the following legislation was adopted:

RESOLUTIONS: ENGINEER'S DEPARTMENT

- Resolution awarding a bid contract to Mar-King Construction, Inc. for Lake County roads pavement markings - 2011 as required by the Lake County Engineer in the amount of \$106,747.58.

- Resolution approving plans and specifications for the Leroy Thompson Road Bridge Replacement (LPA PID #85132) in Leroy Township and advertising for bids for same with a bid opening date of Aug. 17.

Estimates range from \$365,000 to \$446,500.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

- Resolution authorizing execution of an engineering agreement with Osborn Engineering Co. for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

The work will be for the Bellflower Area Outlet Sanitary Sewer Replacement Project.

- Resolution appointing Daniel Koncos to the Lake County Workforce Investment Board to fill the unexpired term of Jeffrey Yaist ending Feb. 14, 2012.

- Resolution appointing Kaitlin A. Wigand to the position of social services worker 3 in the Children Services Division of the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services, effective July 25.

- Resolution approving Lake County Department of Job and Family Services vouchers date of warrant July 25, in the amount of \$401,897.59.

The breakdown of charges is as follows: Public Assistance, \$86,831.84; Workforce Investment, \$89,371.47; Child Support Enforcement, \$135.04; Child Welfare, \$225,559.24.

COMMISSIONERS' OFFICE

- Resolution re-appointing Geraldine Hausch and Walter R. Siegel to the Lake County Planning Commission for terms expiring Aug. 14, 2014.

- Resolution accepting the retirement resignation of Ronald J. Phillips from the position of tradesman in the Lake County Buildings and Grounds Department, effective July 15.

- Resolution authorizing execution of a memorandum of understanding between the Lake County Board of Commissioners, on behalf of the Lake County Law Library Resources Board, and the Statewide Consortium of County Law Library Resources Boards to accept grant funding, effective July 1 through Dec. 31, 2012.

- Resolution accepting a proposal from Incorporated Door Systems to install ADA door improvements at the Board of Elections office in an amount not to exceed \$4,800.

essary appurtenances thereto.

This is not a new note, but a rollover for \$2.85 million, following another \$50,000 pay-down.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

- Resolution approving payment of bills as listed on the commissioners' approval journal in the amount of \$1,635,672.20.

- Resolution approving purchase orders as listed on the commissioners' purchase order approval journal in the amount of \$761,416.40.

- Resolution increasing appropriations for various non general fund accounts.

- Resolution transferring cash and appropriations within various general and non general fund accounts.

NEW BUSINESS

Troy commented on the federal law to take effect which will require all federal, state and local governments with total budgets of at least \$100 million to withhold 3 percent from payments to contractors for goods and services.

According to a meeting of the National Association of Counties (NACO), implementation of the law has been delayed until Jan. 1, 2013.

"NACO is working feverishly to try and get that repealed," Troy said. "My understanding is that there are over 200 co-sponsors on that repeal in the United States House of Representatives, but they're distracted with a few other matters these days."

Another reason they are optimistic is because the U.S. Chamber of Commerce does not like the law and has become involved in the issue. It is felt they are likely to have a stronger voice with Congress.

• Resolution authorizing execution of an engineering agreement with Michael Benza & Assoc., Inc. for the Lake County Department of Utilities.

The services are needed due to "the inadequacy of the existing waterline located on E. 332nd Street, Alva Street, Barbara Avenue and Louis Drive in Eastlake.

"I am in agreement with Mr. Yurkovich's (Denis, assistant sanitary engineer) memo and would anticipate hydraulic benefits to the water quality, domestic flows, customer satisfaction and enhanced fire protection without fear of future breaks," stated a memo from Al Saari.

• Resolution establishing a fund to be known as Forest Drive Waterline Replacement 331W with various revenue and appropriation lines and transferring cash.

• Resolution increasing appropriations for Campers Drive Waterline Replacement 322-W and transferring cash from LCDU Water District transfers out to Campers Drive Waterline Replacement 322-W.

• Resolution transferring cash from LCDU Water and Sewer Districts transfer out to Route 91 and 84 Transmission Waterline 302W, Bellflower Area Sewers 314s and Chapel Road Sewer 285S.

• Resolution providing for \$500,000 in waterworks notes for the Lake County Department of Utilities Project 302W.

This is for the routes 91 and 84 Transmission Waterline Replacement Project 302W.

• Resolution providing for \$1,080,000 in notes for Chapel Road Interceptor Sewer Project 285-S and Bellflower Area Sanitary Sewer Project 314S.

This is a note renewal.

• Resolution certifying unpaid sewer and water sums to the lake county auditor.

JOB AND FAMILY SERVICES DEPARTMENT

• Resolution authorizing execution of a microloan fund agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners and Koolbeanz Coffee House Ltd. in the amount of \$20,000.

"This is a loan; this is not a grant, using Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds," said Commissioner Dan Troy.

This is from the Lake County Port Authority Revolving Loan Fund for businesses with five or fewer employees who have had trouble obtaining regular bank financing.

"This is the first of the new microloans that we're overseeing," said county Budget Director Mike Matas, who noted the county will be the collection agent.

• Resolution accepting a proposal from Shaw Integrated Solutions for carpet replacement at the Lake County Department of Job and Family Services building in an amount not to exceed \$49,845.39.

The is for carpet replacement in the waiting area, entrance and traffic areas leading to interview cubicles, training areas and private offices.

"This is also using Block Grant funds," said Commissioner Bob Aufuldish.

• Resolution approving plans and specifications and authorizing advertising for bids for the Boiler Replacement Project at Lake County Buildings with a bid opening of Aug. 10.

Troy said this project will not be using CDBG funds.

The replacement is expected to bring about 20 percent savings on energy bills, since the current boilers are so old.

• Resolution providing for the issuance and sale of not to exceed \$3 million aggregate principal amount of notes, in anticipation of the issuance of bonds, to pay costs of acquiring a building and its site and constructing improvements thereto, including renovating, equipping, furnishing and otherwise improving the building for use as a county service garage, and including all nec-

Matas said the process of withholding 3 percent from any payment of \$10,000 or more would be "cumbersome." He said the county would be close to the \$100 million bracket this year and so might be required to make those withholdings.

"It's a burden for every small business in the country, and that reporting is ridiculous," said Board Chair Ray Sines.

Troy said NACO's argument is that they should not be tax collectors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commissioners adjourned to executive session to discuss pending litigation, real estate, personnel and collective bargaining.

Following executive session, the commissioners passed the following resolutions:

• Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Prosecuting Attorney's Office and the Communications Workers of America Local 4340, expiring March 31, 2014.

• Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association non-deputized dispatcher sergeants and non-deputized dispatcher lieutenants, expiring March 31, 2014.

• Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Lake County Sheriff Employee Association deputized lieutenants and court lieutenants, expiring March 31, 2014.

• Resolution authorizing execution of an agreement between the Lake County Board of Commissioners on behalf of the Lake County Sheriff's Department and the Communication Workers of America, AFT-CIO 4340 - cooks and clerks, expiring March 31, 2014.